Forest Land-Akola

Diversion of 0.1660 ha. Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Reliance Jio Infocomm Limited, Nagpur for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the Karanja to Akola Road in Akola District in the State of Maharashtra.

Government of Maharashtra
Revenue and Forest Department
Government Order No.: FLD-3023/CR.210/F-10
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400 032
Date:- 21.08.2023

Reference:-

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, MS, Nagpur Letter No. Desk-17/ FCA-S1/ PID-403677/Amravati/851, dt. 20.06.2023.

Preamble:-

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, M.S., Nagpur has submitted a proposal for diversion of 0.1660 ha. Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the Karanja to Akola Road in Akola District in the State of Maharashtra.

Order:-

In exercise of powers under general approval given by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide Handbook of FCA Guidelines-2019, Chapter 4 (para-4.2), Government of Maharashtra is pleased to grant **'In-Principle'** approval to the diversion of 0.1660 ha. Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable along the Karanja to Akola Road in Akola District in the State of Maharashtra.

The details of Forest Land proposed for diversion are as under:-

Sr. No.	Item	Name of the Village	Compt No.	Gut No.	Length x Width (in Mtr)	Sq. mt.	Area (in Ha)	Remarks
1	Proposal is for diversion of 0.1660 ha. forest land for laying Optical Fiber Cable from Karanja to Akola road, Dist. Akola in the State of Maharashtra.	Morhal	C-78	65	120 X 0.5	60.0	0.0060	RF
2		Pinjar	C-26	13, 11	750 X 0.5	375.0	0.0375	RF
3		Sahit	C-86	96, 90, 89	1350 X 0.5	675.0	0.0675	RF
4		Yelwan	C-64b	460	1100 x 0.5	550.0	0.0550	RF
Total Forest Area (in ha.)							**0.1660**	

2. This 'In-principle' approval is issued subject to the following conditions:-

1) The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
2) The concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests shall ensure legal status of proposed Forest land Village- Morhal, Gut. No.65, Pinjar, Gut. No. 13, & Sahit, Gut. No. 96, before granting working permission.
3) User Agency shall defray the cost of plantation (including ten years maintenance) of 100 trees shall be levied from the User Agency towards Compensatory Afforestation. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species along with 10% RET species of Akola District shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided. Details of land proposed for Plantation (Record of Rights & KML File), shall be submitted before Stage-II/Final approval.
4) The Optical Fiber Cable Line will be laid within maximum size of the trench of 2.00 meters depth & 0.5 meter width with cable line under the PVC Pipeline.
5) If bank guarantee is not submitted with concern Road Authority (NHAI/ MSRDC/PWD/ZP), the agency shall submit a bank guarantee at the rate of Rs.50/- per running meter and an undertaking to that effect shall also be submitted. If the agency fails to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests, the cost for reclamation will be covered from the bank guarantee.
6) If the cable is going to be laid in the formation width of the road, then additional charges in form of bank guarantee shall be given at the rate of Rs.35/- per running meter. Similarly for reclamation of side drain and for tarred portion, the guarantee will be at the rate of Rs.300/- per meter and Rs.750/- per meter respectively. An undertaking shall be obtained from the User Agency that it has agreed to make good any loss to Forest/ Environment while laying the cable in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future.
7) For further maintenance of the project, the agency shall obtain permission from the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests as and when required.
8) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.
9) No felling of trees shall be done during the implementation of project.
10) No new forest area beyond the Right of Way of existing road should be broken for laying Optical Fiber Cable.
11) The User Agency shall pay the cost of additional Net Present Value, if required in future.
12) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
13) The Proposed work shall be carried out only during day time.
14) After completion of the project, User Agency will reclaim the area under RoW suitably.
15) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the State Government.

16) This sanction is subject to the final clearance by the Department of Information & Technology for the project and concerned road authorities for the project.
17) The User Agency shall compensate the private owners of forest land if any, in accordance with the prevalent laws, rules & guidelines.
18) The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
19) All other conditions as may be mandatory under relevant Acts, Rules and Guidelines shall be complied by the User Agency.
20) All the conditions stipulated by the Forest Department shall be binding on User Agency.
21) The User Agency shall make good of any loss to Forest / Environment.
22) All necessary approvals required for the project as per the prevailing laws of the land would be obtained by User Agency.
23) Any breach of the conditions by the User Agency will be treated as violation of the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

3. This Government Order is available at the Government of Maharashtra's website www.maharashtra.gov.in with reference No. 202308211537374919. This Order has been signed digitally.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra.

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7. Collector, Akola.
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